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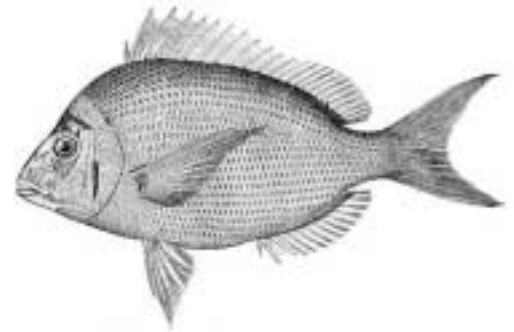
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Massachusetts Commercial Scup Fishery to Close on November 20, 2001

Based on quota monitoring projections by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Winter II quota for scup, 708,469 pounds, will be landed as of November 20, 2001. Consequently, DMF will close the commercial scup fishery for the period beginning November 20, 2001 at 0001 AM through December 31, 2001. Massachusetts must take this action to comply with ASMFC management plans for these species. The fishery will be re-opened on January 1, 2002.

For more information call the Division's Boston office at 617-626-1520.